Modernisation of Railway Stations during 1989-90

1391. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Railway Stations have been modernised during the year 1989-90, zone-wise; and

(b) the total amount incurred on the modernisation programme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 67 stations have been selected for modernisation on all the Railways. The Railway-wise breakup is as under:—

Central Railway . .	8
Eastern Railway . .	7
Northern Railway . .	11
North Eastern Railway .	6
Northeast Frontier Railway .	5
Southern Railway . .	7
South Central Railway .	5
South Eastern Railway .	9
Western Railway . .	9
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The works at these stations are in various stages of progress commensurate with the availability of funds. The emphasis now will be to provide all amenities as per norms at these stations.

(b) Approximately Rs. 22.00 crores spent upto March, 1989 and Rs. 18.00 crores provided as outlay during 1989-90.

Installation of statue of Jawahar Lal Nehru in the vicinity of Parliament House

1392. SHRI SAYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken a decision in the past to instal a statue of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru in the vicinity of Parliament House;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to implement the decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) A decision to instal a statue of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at New Delhi was taken on 18th June, 1976 by the Lok Sabha House Committee. Various models of the statue have also been got prepared. The Government proposes to implement the decision.

(e) Does not arise.

Supply of imported edible oil to Gujarat

1393. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have requested to release 20,000 tons of imported edible oil for public distribution in the State;

(b) how much has been released so far and what is the price per kg. and how many families of vulnerable sections are likely to be covered under the PDS;

(c) whether the National Dairy Development Board has also been asked to release some quota of edible oil to Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Government of Gujarat has demanded a quantity of 2,30,000 MTs of edible oil for PDS during the oil year 1989-90 i.e. from November, '89 to October, 1989.

(b) During the period November '89 to March 1990 Gujarat has been allotted a total quantity of 10,800 MTs of imported edible oil. Of this 10,200 MTs of oil has been lifted by 15th March 1990. The consumer price of the oil distributed through PDS in Gujarat is Rs. 16.25 per Kg. About 15.25 lakh families are eligible to purchase edible oil through PDS in Gujarat

(c) and (d) The NDDB at the request of Government of Gujarat had agreed to provide 25,000 tons of Refined Mustard Oil. NDDB has also provided 200 MTs of Refined Mustard Oil to the Government of Gujarat for test marketing.

Proposal for introducing fast train like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express

1394. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce more fast trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Howrah-Jamshedpur and Secunderabad-Vijayawada Sections have been identified for running of Shatabdi Expresses in future. However, there is no proposal to introduce Rajdhani Express.

Check on migration to big cities

1395 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a check on migration to big cities in order to avoid ever-increasing population in these cities, resulting in various problems faced by the civic administrations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the services and provide better amenities to the citizens in the metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the problem of migration of population to big cities. While framing the policies on Urban Development the Union as well as State Governments have kept this in their view. Urban Development being a State subject, it is essentially for the State Government to take necessary action and see that the migration to big cities are curtailed. The Union Government, however, plays a catalystic role in this aspect. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns launched during the Sixth Five Year Plan and extended to the Seventh Five Year Plan has the aim of improving the urban infrastructure in small and medium towns and thereby restraining the unwanted population movement towards big and metropolitan cities. In the Sixth Plan 235 towns with an outlay of Rs. 63.57 crores were covered, while in the Seventh Plan the outlay is Rs. 88 crores and 111 additional towns have been so far covered. For the year 1990-91, an amount of Rs. 25 crores has been earmarked for this scheme.

(c) The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are currently in operational in the cities/towns of the country aimed at providing proper amenities:—

1. The Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums Scheme which envisages a package of basic physical infrastructure services in slums and improving the physical environment of slums.

2. The Urban Basic Services Scheme which aims at improving and upgrading the quality of life of the urban poor.

3. The Pavement Dwellers Scheme for providing shelter to the pavement dwellers in the metropolitan cities.

Urban Development Projects in some major cities assisted by the World Bank and other multi and bilateral agencies which cover sites and services, slum improvement, water supply and sanitation road improvement and public transport.

These are in addition to normal programmes taken up by the State Government and the local bodies concerned for improvement of water supply, sewerage and sanition, road improvements, electricity and public transport.